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Graduate from Technical Institute

JANICE CHRISTOPHER

Janice Christopher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Christopher, 170 Meadow St., and Ruth M. Harrington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Harrington, 18 Poinsettia St., have recently graduated from the Springfield Technical Institute's Inhalation Therapy course. Both girls are



RUTH M. HARRINGTON

presently employed by Mercy Hospital as Inhalation Therapists. Inhalation Therapy is a paramedical specialty dealing primarily with the pathologic physiology of respiration. For example, in cardiac failure, asthma, pulmonary edema, emphysema, cerebral thrombosis, drowning, hemorrhage, and shock.

**Catholic Men's Club
Dance June 30**

Ed Coffey, president of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Men's Club of Agawam, announced that the club will hold a June Dance. This event will be held at St. Anne's Country Club Friday, June 30.

There will be a champagne hour from 6:30 to 7:30. A smorgasbord will follow at 7:30 and dancing will continue until 1 a.m. Door prizes will be given out.

Bob Keefe is chairman of the dance and he will be assisted by co-chairman, Don Dupresne.

For reservations, please contact Ed Coffey, 739-9458; Don Dupresne, 739-4513; John Anderson, 733-1377; Bob Keefe, 737-6057; Wyle Brame, 733-5697; and Frank Grabinski, 788-9278.

**UNICO Heads Marci
Fleming Drive**

During the past week, members of the Agawam UNICO Chapter and over 100 volunteers from various clubs, organizations and interested townspeople have been canvassing the town for this worthy cause. Marci is 20 years old and needs a kidney transplant. The cost of the transplant is more than any single family can afford. The volunteer workers will be asking you as a neighbor and citizen of Agawam to donate whatever you can to help Marci Fleming Live.

The Town of Agawam has designated June 17 thru June 30, Marci Fleming Week. Al Christopher, chairman, has the following district captains: Dino Piccin #1, Santo Cannarella #2, Al Malone #3, Frank Chriscola #4, Francis Capitanio #5, and Dom Maiolo #6. Anyone interested in giving their assistance should contact any of the captains.

Volunteers are reporting that they are being received very well and donations are coming in at a good rate.

Anyone who was not contacted at their home may contribute direct by sending a check to P.O. Box #175, Agawam Post Office, Agawam, Mass.

**C.C.D. Teacher's
Training Course**

Rev. Albert J. Blanchard of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Agawam, has announced a special Teacher's Training Course for the Hampden Deanery, to be held at the parish hall each Wednesday from 7:30-9:30 p.m., for eight weeks beginning July 5th through Aug. 23rd. The theme of the course will be "Reaching the Adolescent in C. C. D."

Although there will be no certificate given of this course, it will be of special interest to teachers, anyone interested in becoming active in their parish program, and all already involved in C. C. D., especially Helpers and Discussion Club Members.

Serving on the faculty will be: Fr. Leon V. Lussier of St. George's Parish, Chicopee Falls, who will discuss the "Organization of C. C. D. and Student Involvement" on July 5th.

Father Blanchard of St. John's Parish, Agawam, who will talk on "God" at the July 12th class.

Sr. Catherine Joseph, S.S.J., of St. Mary's High School, Westfield. Sister's topic at the July 19th class will be "Sign."

Sr. Margaret Brendan of Cathedral High School will assist Sr. Catherine Joseph in her presentation.

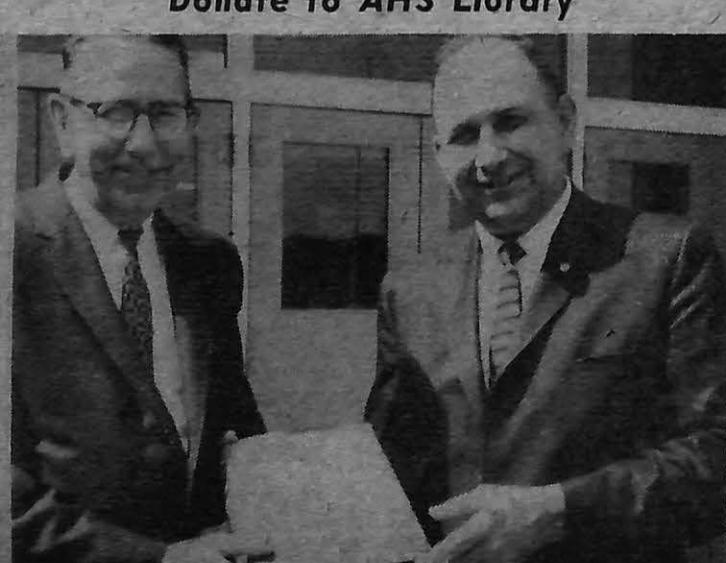
Fr. Richard A. Riendeau of Cathedral High School, will talk on "Religion" at the July 26th class and on "Community" at the August 23rd class.

Fr. Neal E. Smith of Holy Family Parish, Holyoke. Father will discuss "Morality" on Aug. 2nd and "Personality" on Aug. 9th.

The entire faculty will participate in a panel discussion on "Modern Problems" on August 16th.

All those interested in attending this course are requested to contact their CCD Parish Director or Father Blanchard at St. John's. A minimal registration fee will be charged to cover expenses.

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Mr. David Skolnick, president of the Agawam Council of Parent Teacher Associations is shown presenting Mr. Fred T. Dacey, principal of the Agawam High School a volume entitled: "Dictionary Of The Bible," given in his honor to the high school library by the council.



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Library Survey Report

The Agawam Board of Library Trustees have counted the ballots of the survey taken during National Library Week this year. These are the following results:

407 voted for a new library and 70 were opposed.

335 were for one main library and 87 for branches.

243 believed the present services were satisfactory and 192 complained.

69 were satisfied with present facilities and 349 were not.

Some of the comments made for added services were: student reading areas; recordings; more periodicals; more reference and research material; more books, including best sellers; more open hours; more programs for young people; charge-out machines; automation; photocopier; and language records.

**Jr. Women's Club
Award Scholarship**

The Agawam Junior Women's Club presented a \$75. scholarship award to the outstanding student in the field of science.

The science award was presented to Kent Gregory, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vinton Gregory, 72



KENT GREGORY

Woodside Dr., Feeding Hills. Kent was a member of the National Honor Society and in his first and second year of the Track Team, Chess Club and Radio Club. He won the National Merit Scholarship and Civitan Good Citizenship award.

Kent also, won highest academic average award, from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cataldo, Mathematics award from Mr. Felix DePalma and Cornell National Scholarship. He will enter Cornell University in September and plans on majoring in electronics.

**\$1000 Winner
At Gus Sunoco**

Mrs. Elaine Watson of 271 Elm St., Agawam was a winner of \$1,000 in the Sunny Dollar game at Gus' Sunoco station, corner of Suffield and Mill Sts., Agawam.

**MORE HEARINGS BEFORE
BOARD OF APPEALS**

There are two hearings scheduled by the Board of Appeals on Friday, June 30th, in the Town Administration Building.

The 8 p.m. meeting affects the residents of the Meadow St. area who are faced with a petition to allow other multiple apartment buildings to be constructed in an area already overpopulated by apartments.

The 8:30 p.m. meeting affects the residents of the northern end of River Road who are faced with a petition for a variance from their A-1 residence zone to allow for two family occupancy.

The residents of Agawam are being constantly disturbed by zone violations and requests for variances.

Unfavorable publicity, because of this, has not enhanced the picture of our town.

**Leonard Street
Picnic Sunday**

The annual Leonard Street Picnic will be held at St. John's recreation field on Leonard St., on Sunday, July 2nd, from 12 noon until ??? Each family is to bring their own picnic lunch with enough for supper to be served family style. Barbecue pits are available for all. The picnic will be held RAIN or SHINE.

As is customary, all residents of Leonard Street, former residents and their friends are invited.

There will be soft ball games, tug-of-war, an egg throwing and catching contest and a horse shoe pitching contest.

The decorated Brown Jug awarded to the winner of the horse shoe pitching contest will be inscribed with the winners scores. The Jug has been won two years in a row by "Al" Baldiga and "Andy" Balboni.

A special added attraction this year is to be music by "The Marvelles" featuring Leonard Street's own, Carl King, with Dave Reed and his band.

The committee appointed to make the picnic a day to be remembered are: Recreation: Man-
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**Holiday July 4
Liquor Hours**

Hotels, Restaurants, Taverns and Clubs may sell alcoholic beverages during the usual hours.

"Package Goods" Stores shall not sell or deliver alcoholic beverages before one o'clock p.m. but may remain open until eleven thirty o'clock p.m., Monday, the night before.

Manufacturers and Wholesalers and Importers shall make no sales or deliveries at any time during the day.

Registered Pharmacists shall not make any sale of alcoholic beverages (or alcohol) at any time during the day except upon the prescription of a registered physician.

CHURCH NEWS

Agawam Methodist Church

459 Mill Street, Agawam
Rev. Kenneth Thornton, Minister
Ronald Ashton, Lay Leader
Mrs. Herbert Binns, Organist
Mrs. Mary Keyes,
Sanctuary Choir Director
Mary Alexander,
Youth Choir Director
Betty Fearn,
Junior Choir Director
Sandra Garfield,
Church Secretary

Saturday—11 a.m., A service of Worship conducted by various members of the church at East Longmeadow Nursing Home.

Sunday—9:30 a.m. The Church at Worship, Nursery for infants.

Wednesday—7 p.m. Sanctuary Choir practice.

On Sunday, June 18th, the officers of the Women's Society of Christian Service were installed: Geraldine Keyes, president; Agnes Raison, vice-president; Evelyn Chase, secretary; Rachel Williams, spiritual life secretary and Pauline Mickey, campus ministry. Also installed were the officers of the Ladies Daytime Group: Margaret Chicklas, president; Sandra Haskins, vice-president; Carol Idamis, secretary and L. Anne King, treasurer.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Benjamin Lockhart, Pastor
Mrs. Frank Merchant, Organist and Choir Director
Mrs. Barbara Briggs, Church Secretary

UNION SERVICES

SUNDAY — 9:30 a.m. Union Services will be held in the Agawam Congregational Church during the summer.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

FEEDING HILLS
Rev. George Linse, C.S.S.
Rev. James Shea, C.S.S.

Saturday—4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Confessions

Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 11:30 a.m. Masses.

Tuesday—7:30 p.m. Miraculous Medal Novena Devotions.

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Wednesday—7 p.m. Boy Scouts meet.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

Rev. Dominic A. Ruscetta, CSS Recto
Rev. Samuel Fayad, CSS

Saturday — 4:50 p.m. and 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. Confessions.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays — 7, 8:30, 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Weekdays — 7, 9 a.m.

Tuesday — 7:30 p.m. St. Anthony Devotions.

ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. John S. Tyler, Vicar

Thursday—7 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 79 meets at parish hall.

Friday — 3:15 p.m. Junior choir practice at Church.

Sunday—8 a.m. Holy Communion; 10 a.m. Matins and Sermon.

Monday — 2:15 p.m. Girls Scouts meet in the parish hall.

Wednesday — 7:30 p.m. Senior choir at church.

ST. THERESA OF INFANT JESUS CHURCH

Rev. Paul Bernard
MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass—7 a.m.

Saturday—8 a.m. Mass — 4:30 and 7:30 Confessions.

Sunday — 7, 9 and 11 a.m. Mass.

Tuesday—7 p.m. St. Theresa Novena Devotions.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

Rev. Walter J. Joyce
Rev. Albert Blanchard

Saturday—9 a.m. Grades 1 to 6 Religion Classes at Junior High School. Confessions 4 to 5:45 and 7:30 to 9 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 10:30, 11:45 a.m.

Monday—7 p.m. CCD classes at Junior High School.

Chief Clerk: "This is the end. You're fired!"

Tax Clerk: "Fired? I always thought slaves were sold."

Boy Scouts Of America



Boy Scout Troop 89, sponsored by the Lions Club held its annual Father-Son Picnic at St. John's Field Saturday.

The Scouts beat their dads in the softball game, 17-16. Kenneth Kelley received his Life Award, Dale Bewes and David Gingras the Star Award, while First Class

was earned by William Andrews, John Pavelcsyk, Carl Roberts, James Roberts, Russell Woodruff, and Kevin St. John. Second Class

Awards were received by Douglas Malley, Gary Robinson, James Santillo, John Lynch, Kim Cosman, and Bruce Cobleigh. Lawrence Dowd became a Tenderfoot. Merit Badges earned were: Fingerprinting: Mark Andrews, Dave Gingras, Ken Kelley, Bob Kelley. First Aid: Mark Andrews, Electricity: Mark Andrews.

Merit Badges earned were: Fingerprinting, First Aid, Electricity, and Basketry to Mark Andrews; Citizenship in Home to Thomas Case; Cooking, Marksman, Cycling, and Lifesaving to Grant Dickinson; Personal Finances and Art to Bruce Foster; Coin Collecting and Nature, Chris Fuchs; Fingerprinting and Lifesaving, Dave Gingras; Fingerprinting and Lifesaving to Ken Kelley; Fingerprinting, Home Repairs, Citizenship in Home, Bob Kelley; Swimming and Lifesaving to Dave Rhodes; Cooking, Cycling, Swimming, and Lifesaving to Ronnie Richard; Citizenship in Home, Cooking, and Home Repairs to Joe Sorenson, and Citizenship in Home to Steve Roberts.

Special presentation was the representing of God and Country Religious Award to Russell Woodruff and Bruce Foster by Richard Gingras, Advancement Chairman, pictured above.

Perfect attendance for three years was recognized being attained by 2 boys, David Gingras and John Pavelcsuk.

Cub Scout Pack 82 of the Agawam Congregational Church held

its annual Pack Picnic at the "Y" Saturday afternoon. In the games of ring toss, Mark Ruby was first place winner with 153 points; Kenny Paro, 2nd with 177 points; and Donny Dickinson, 3rd with 155 points. In the Penny toss it was Mark Ruby first again, closely followed by Billy Hannan and Scott Ruby. In the third game of the day Mark and Billy were again first and second with Jim Taupier, 3rd.

The Tug-Of-War was pretty even with committeemen, Hank Dickinson and Vinny Ruby anchor men. Awards presented to:

Wolf, Tom White, D. Finch, and D. Taupier; Bear to M. Ruby, and Lion to D. Dickinson.

The McDonald's To Sponsor Boy Scout TV Program

The McDonald's chain of hamburger restaurants will be the sole sponsor of the one-hour colorcast of the World Boy Scout Jamboree on the ABC television network August 18, from 8 to 9 p.m. Eastern Daylight savings Time.

James Stewart, in a rare TV appearance, will be narrator of the special show, which will recapture highlights of the 12th World Jamboree which will bring 14,000 Boy Scouts from 90 nations to Farragut State Park near Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. It will be the first time the Jamboree has ever been held in the United States.

McDonald's is going all out to promote the show, with operators of its 900 units all across the country joining forces with local Boy Scout activities in special activities designed to stimulate interest in the Jamboree and the TV show.

The only trouble with life is you're halfway through before you realize it's one of those "do-it-yourself" deals.



By Diane Wilkins

America's Junior Miss—1966

Bringing Mother Around

The age-old War Between Generations is a six-year battle whose first shot is The Stocking Question (somewhere around pre-teen 12) and which ends in a placid truce only when Daughter is safely down the aisle. A frequently fought over terrain is the Make-Up Debate.

Mothers are almost point blank against make-up, advocating instead the therapeutic wonders of a good soap and water scrub for clearing teen skin. But today's really high quality cosmetics—with built-in medicated aids—have pretty much undercut Mama's basic argument and she's come round enthusiastically.

Another skirmish—the hair coloring battle—is also in a period of truce. Mothers used to be con on general principle; daughters were pro because it is such a delicious way to enhance one's whole look.

New a wonderful new product, Go Go Light by Beautiful Hair Breck allows you to go one shade lighter in the nicest way. Mothers don't object because this gentle lightener features a special conditioner that leaves hair soft and manageable. Daughters adore Go Go Light because this gentle step in the light direction does really scrumptious things to the tresses. Easy application and mild action makes it perfect for the first time user.

If you're considering the hair color question know that, in this area at least, Mother has come round. Now start marshalling your forces for the next skirmishes—Extending the Curfew and Raising the Allowance. And Good Luck!

Quiet Please

LANSING, Mich. — The 250 employees at the Michigan Millers Mutual Insurance Company here don't talk to one another from the start of work at 8 a.m. until 9 a.m.

For that hour they ignore one another, they make no outgoing phone calls, no one walks around, and no one contacts other departments.

The company said the "quiet hour" has increased efficiency. The policy has attracted the interest of other companies and business journals.

"A few minutes' talk about last night's TV show doesn't sound like much," Harold C. Roost, treasurer, said, "but when you take a couple hundred people at 10 or 15 minutes apiece—that's a lot of company time."

Mr. Roost said the plan is so successful that some department chiefs are adding a second quiet hour after lunch.

Leonard Street . . .

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etta Collins, John Hanjack, Ann Fusco, Steve Blackburn, Alice Collins, George Collins, Jr.; Prizes: Kay Nierone, Joyce Dumars, Betty Collins; Publicity: Bill Gazillo and Emma Cross.



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V.F.W. Post 1632 and Auxiliary Bulletin

By ANNA D. BISSONNETTE

TIB - BITS

June 21—Wednesday—Several of our men and women were up to their good deeds this date when they went to the "Holyoke Soldiers Home" to entertain and serve refreshments to the patients. It made many people happy—those who gave of themselves and the patients who enjoyed their company and won prizes that we donate. (Remember the

will be missing from the menu without damping the fun. Only dampening will be you at the pool. Paying guest are invited to "go native" in costume. We'll provide the paper "leis" but you'll provide your own swimsuits, towels, for after your swim and pillows because NOW on your banches for dinner!!! Menus—Purus, lomi lomi, koolau, kona, and haupia meaning chicken,

*"Hawaiian Luau"*

Poppy Drive?—This money went into the Relief Fund and used for our ailing Vets.) Do you have time to spend with these men who cannot go out as you do? Thanks go to Tet Geminanni, Dick Adelman, Tommi Tammi, Adam and Francis Link and Ed Netkovick.

June 22—Thursday—To Bib Bissonnette—An Armory Maintenance Award from State Quartermaster Ralph N. Noonan and Adjutant General Joseph M. Ambrose at the annual Armorers meeting at Concord, Mass.

June 24—Saturday—It made Tom Small a very happy man to see the many friends he has gathered in one place to welcome him home from his stay in the hospital. The testimonial was GRAND thanks to Ellie Apelman, chairman, co-chairman Mike Kane and all the others who donated their time. I, for one was happy I was there. Mrs. Small was presented a corsage and also the many blossoms from the head table. M. C. Bib Bissonnette and the chairmen thank all who donated, food, flowers, prizes and attended. #1632 V.F.W. donated a prize in memory of Mahlin Inman who was a member of our post. Makes you feel great doesn't it?

SAVE A DATE

July 16—Our picnic date at Leeds (V.A. Hospital). We need help and donations. Anyone wishing to lend us a hand may call Comm. Adelman or the Post Home. PLEASE?

July 23—Hawaiian Luau—Even the islanders are beginning to admit that "poi" is better for hanging wall paper than for eating. Since "taro" (the Hawaiian potato that becomes poi) is fattening this authentic luau dish

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Round The Town

By Ann Nael
phone ST 8-8996

An informal picnic of the Agawam Junior Women's Club was held recently at the home of Mrs. Louis Mercadante. Mrs. Mercadante spoke on the program for the coming year introducing the new board members and Committee Chairman. Main speaker for the evening was Mrs. William Miller, who explained briefly the purpose of Federation and the aims of our local clubs.

Fun and games were enjoyed by all, a smorgasbord style dessert table was set up and decorations were gay and colorful in keeping with the Chinese theme.

Kenneth Sutton formerly of Albert St. and Larry Scherpa of Tower Ter., both graduates of Agawam High School, Class of 1965 are enroute to the west coast on a sightseeing trip. After spending some time in Los Angeles they plan to travel north to San Francisco and then to Tacoma, Washington, where they will visit Private Timothy Dulcos of Ellington St., also a graduate of Agawam '65, who is stationed at Camp Lewis.

In September, Sutton will resume his studies as a junior at American International College where he is majoring in Business Administration and Scherpa will return as a junior to Westfield State College where he is majoring in Psychology.

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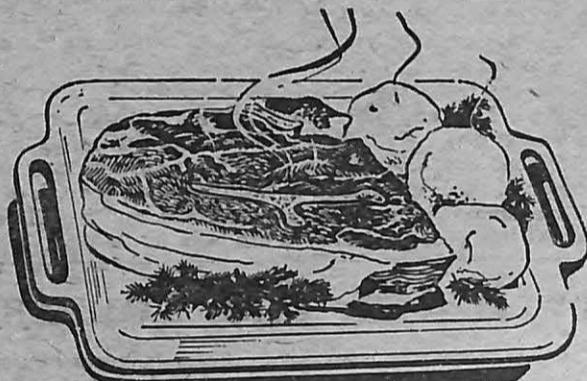
Permanet plan policies available to World War II term policy-holders are ordinary life, 20-payment life, 20-year endowment, endowment at age 60 and endowment at age 65.

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Independence Day

The 4th of July is upon us again, and there should be a firm rededication to the principles and ideals that brought forth the "great experiment" in human liberty—the United States.

It is customary to recall with reverence an immortal remark of one of the nation's founders on this most important of dates, but perhaps at this time in our history, it would be more timely to quote a contemporary, an instructor in political science at Mercy College, New York. The professor says, "the Constitution is just a piece of paper which can be scrapped if it has outlived its usefulness. Just like anything else." According to his remarks, as reported in the Portland, Oregon, Journal, the basic political and cultural system of the United States must be revised even if it means a revolution culminating in violence.

Fortunately, the professor is protected by the very Constitution he belittles. Like any other citizen, he may speak his mind without fear, which in itself shows that we have kept faith with the founders of our nation. Because of this faith, the professor may speak with intemperance. Our detractors notwithstanding, the 4th of July has a deep meaning for most American citizens, and it will be so commemorated this year as it always has been in the past.

Try It On The Youngsters

There is increasing comment in the newspapers on the growing crime wave across the nation. You read of pitched battles of various groups with police in the streets or on college campuses.

It is now reported that children in the 11 to 16 age group commit half of all property offenses, and of all criminals arrested the most frequent age is 15.

According to an AP dispatch from Los Angeles, a judge has recommended for women an arsenal ranging from a six-inch hatpin to a derringer for use in protecting their lives and virtue. Of course, you can't carry them concealed she said. She felt a hatpin would not be constructed as a concealed weapon. In the meantime, to combat the alarming rise in teenage crime, the President is urging federal and local authorities to take action.

While all this is going on, it is time for parents to take their children in hand and begin to teach them to keep their hands off other people and other people's property. The same thought could be repeated at the opening of school classes each day. This simple little admonition could eventually save untold suffering and grief for children, parents and the public.

Lots of Money To Burn

Saigon

For Arthur Junkins, burning up a million dollars or so is chicken feed, small stuff strictly routine. After all, he handles \$78 million a month.

Captain Junkins is the finance officer for the central funding of

face in Saigon, which handles the currency needs of all American forces in Vietnam. His office also must collect mutilated or unserviceable military payment certificates from finance units throughout the country, destroy them in an incinerator, then replace them with new currency.

Captain Junkins, who went into the Army 3½ years ago after being graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in economics and finance, says his office burns unserviceable military payment certificates two or three times a month.

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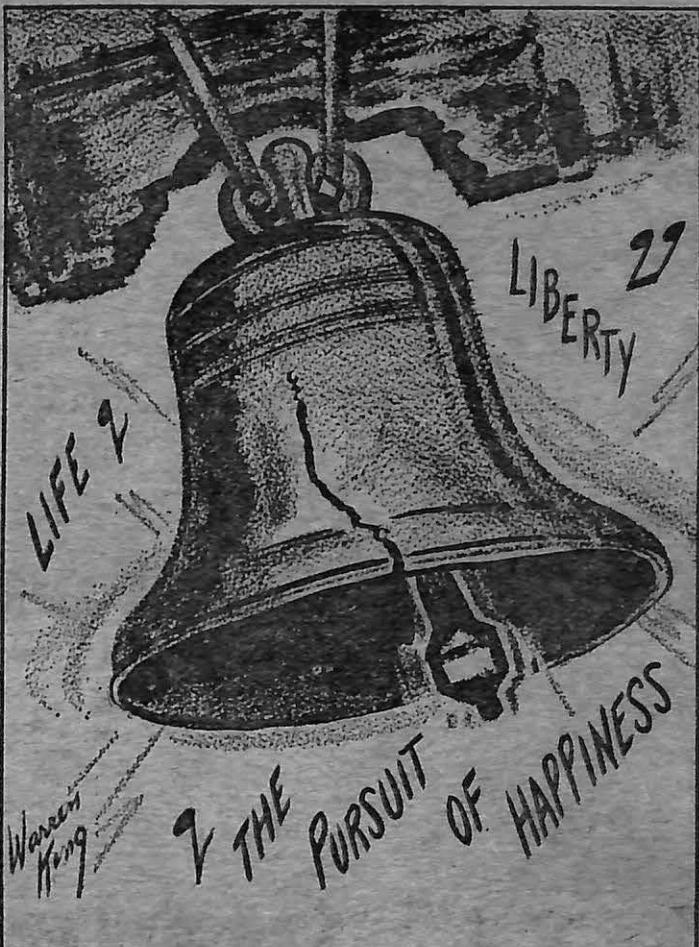
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FOURTH OF JULY

On Independence Day, 1967, it might be well for us to remind ourselves that the freedom which we commemorate is not self-perpetuating. It is something we must work for, conscientiously and continuously, even as did our forefathers. They were ready to die for freedom; can we do less than strive to nurture and protect it?

Of the fifty-six who signed the Declaration of Independence, five were captured by the British and executed as traitors; nine others died from wounds or the hardships of the Revolutionary War. Still others saw their homes and plantations destroyed. For those who lived the reward was poverty—their possessions commanded, their lands laid waste.

These were the men who gave us an independent America one hundred and ninety-one years ago. They are the men who pledged: "For the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of the Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

Through their sacrifice we do have freedom. We do have our unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Let us not take these sacred rights and our God-given freedom for granted. There are those who would chip away, little by little, these things we cherish most. It's up to us to prove that we will not be deprived of our heritage.

My Neighbors



"Greetings...you are ordered to report..."

No Pay, No Light

KATMANDU, Nepal — Roadside lights have been installed in the Katmandu Valley, but the dark continues. The Nepal Electricity Commission said the city Council would have to pay an overdue \$26,000 before the lights come on.

July 8, 1907—Florenz Ziegfeld opened his first "Follies" on the New York Theatre roof. Weekly payroll: \$1,800. Reviews listed it under "New Vaudeville Acts."

Consider Christ In Your Life?

A number of girls in the Agawam area would like to invite all college and career girls to an interdenominational meeting to be held tonight at 7:30 in the Parish Hall of the Agawam Congregational Church. The speaker will be Mrs. Joni Foster, a young housewife from Wilbraham. She will be speaking on "The Reality of Jesus Christ in Your Life." Discussion and refreshments will follow.

The purpose of this meeting is to give the girls from the local churches an opportunity to gather, question, discuss, and share their christian faith. If an interest is expressed, meetings will be continued on Thursday evenings.

An invitation is also extended to college and business young men and women to attend the weekly Co-Uni-Bus (College-University-Business) meetings on Tuesday nights. Co-Uni-Bus meetings are held at the Foster's home on 398 Glendale Road, Wilbraham.

Any further questions please contact: Cathy Sherwood 739-6246, Donna Gaunt 736-0535 or the Foster's in Wilbraham.

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ROUTE 1

Monday, July 3 — Arnold, Broa, Carmen Ave., Cleveland, Coronet Ctr., Duclos Dr., Francis, Gale, Grant, Hall, Harding, Homer, James, Letendre Ave., Liberty, McKinley, Maynard, Norman, Norman Terrace Ext., North, Oak Lane, Pleasant Dr., Ridgeway Dr., Robin Lane, Sherman Ave., Sylvan Lane, Taft, Walton Lane, Wilbert Ter., Wilson, Woodside Dr. and Woodland.

ROUTE 2

Wednesday, July 5 — Acorn, Agnoli Pl., Annable, Aubudon, Bessbrook, Chapin, Cherry, Colemore, Daniel, Day, Eastern Ave., Fenton, Franklin, Fruwirth Ave., Greenock, Hasting, Hayes Ave., Horsham Pl., Lenox, Lincoln, Line, Mooreland, Norwood Oak, Park, Pierce, Portland Pl., Ralph, Sequoia Dr., Ridgeway, Sylvan, White and Witheridge.

ROUTE 3

Wednesday, July 5 — Begley, Birtwood Ter., Bridge, Brookside Pl., Church, Cooley, Cottage, Dwight, Ellington, George, High, Highland, Hillcrest Ave., Howard, King, King Ave., Laurel, Lexington, Maple, McGrath Ter., Moore, Mulberry, Oak Ave., Oak Hill Ave., Orchard, Ottawa, Pasadena, Prospect River, Scherpa, Spencer, Spring, Summer, Sutton Pl., Tower Ter., Valley, Walnut, Walnut Street Ext. and Winthrop St.

ROUTE 4

Thursday, July 6 — Amherst, Barn Rd., Belvedere, Brookline, Columbus, Country Rd., Giffin Pl., Granger Dr., Greenacre Lane, Henry, Highland, Holland Dr., Homestead Ave., Keating, Kensington, Mill, Morris, Norris, Northwood, Old Mill Rd., Randall, Rhodes Ave., Rowley, Royal, Royal Lane, Springfield, Twin Oaks Rd., Vassar Rd. and William St.

LEGAL NOTICES

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH STATE HOUSE, BOSTON NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 155, Section 2B, the Department of Public Health hereby announces that a public hearing will be held in Room 1115 S. Lemuel Shattuck Hospital, 170 Morton Street, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts at 10:15 a.m. on Wednesday, July 12, 1967 regarding the approval by said Department of Public Health of the Articles of Organization in connection with the proposed incorporation to be known as Pioneer Valley Nursing Home, Inc., Agawam, Massachusetts, c/o 1290 Main Street, Springfield, Massachusetts.

(June 22-29, July 6)

THE PLANNING BOARD AGAWAM, MASSACHUSETTS

June 26, 1967

The undersigned respectfully petition The Planning Board will hold a public hearing Monday, July 17, 1967 at 8:00 P.M. in the Town Administration Building Hearing Room on the petition of Walnut Hill, Inc. for a Sub-Division on Adams Street, situated in Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

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AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

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(June 29, July 6)

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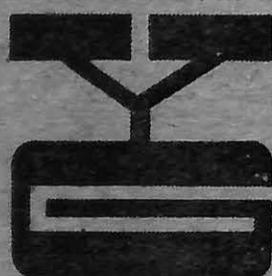
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SPORTSMEN'S CORNER

By BILL CHIBA

Peribonka, Quebec, Canada — When Bob Jacobs, Springfield, Mass., Frank Solotario, Feeding Hills, and this writer arrived at the Maria Chapdelain Motel, Peribonka, Canada, the word was all ready out that the group preceding us by a week were killing the Ouananiche, (land locked salmon) that Saturday morning. Herm Mutti, Hank Daglio, Sam Provo, Bert Montagna, Junie Provost, all from Agawam, and Fran Covell of Springfield had the good fortune of being able to fish the entire week because of excellent weather. The lake St. John can whip up to a frothing monster at a moments notice, with waves from five to ten feet are common when it is riled.

Wouldn't you know by the time that we three were on the water, the salmon closed their mouths and we only took three fish for the rest of the day. The count of Herm's "sports" was 56 fat sassy salmon with Hank Daglio taking the largest, a six and one half pound monster.

Frank Solotario was the novice on the lake and as is the case 99-times out of 100 he hooked the largest fish. Frank fought the jumping salmon for a good 10 minutes at a great handicap. He was fishing solo at the time. He had to throw his motor into gear twice to get the boat off the sand shoals and once he chased the fish in order to retrieve enough line back onto his reel. Finally the fish decided to go under the boat and Frank's line caught on the sharp edge of the bow and parted. This episode was the clincher; Frank is hepted for returning next year and he vows to have the best in equipment and a fishing partner to boot.

Monday morning, real early, Bob and I hit the point where Herm's men had taken all of their fish. We were fishing in two foot of water and I hooked up on a log... I turned the boat and Bob started to reel in his line when a salmon hit his red Mooselook. We had quite a time, Bob fought the fish and had to net it himself while I freed my Moose-

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hook from the rotten piece of wood. About 10 minutes later Bob tied into another acrobatic lovely. This salmon was out of the water more than he was in. I grabbed the movie camera and proceeded to take exciting footage of a jumping Ouananiche. It is the actions of this species of Salmon, after you set the hook, that keeps the angler coming back every year in quest of him. Believe me, when I say that your heart rises up to your throat when that fish jumps out of the water attempting to throw the hook. The most critical moment is when he is brought up to the net... sees it, and makes another mad dash to free himself. The hooks have worn an opening in the jaws by this time, and the least bit of slack line when he is at the net means a lost fish. This happens quite frequently. Bob lost his second fish at the net.

It was my turn for a fish and it worked out that way. My reel sang and a fighting Ouananiche was on the Mooselook. He jumped about three feet out of the water and threw the treble hooks out of his mouth. As fate would have it, when he came down he landed on the lure and the hooks set in his fin on the top of his back. Man what a time I had to bring that fish to the boat. It took all of 10 minutes to tire him out, I couldn't horse him in because I was using only a four pound test leader, and I heard plenty from Bob on how foolish a gesture this was while fishing for large fish. The next salmon I took was on a Rapala and ironically this salmon threw the hooks and the tail trebles set in his back just before the top fin. Another marathon ensued before Bob netted the fish for me. I don't believe this could happen again in a 100 years.

This part of Canada is certainly beautiful and is only 200 miles above Quebec City. It is an ideal place for camping with a tent or with a hard top trailer. There are facilities for camping at Peribonka Park, a privately owned camp ground on a point of land on the lake. The modern conveniences include electricity, telephone, hot and cold running wa-

Mooselook the Winner

Shown in the picture above are Bill Chiba on the left and Bob Jacobs with one day's catch of Quananiche from Lake St. John, Quebec, Canada. (See column)

Little League, East Baseball Standings

Batteries in first game: Corvairs: T. Machietto, p.; S. Brindle, c. Bombers: D. Michalak, p.; and S. Sullivan, c.

Batteries in second game: Corvairs: G. Robinson, p.; and S. Brindle, c. Bombers: K. Lynds, p., and S. Sullivan, c.

Thursday night Jim Nolin, the hard luck Stacy Senator hurler, pitched another fine game but was beaten by the Agawam Phar-

macy Panthers, and the Cats' scrappy chucker Len Horniak, by a 3-1 score. The game was terminated after four innings by umpire-in-chief Steve Kittler due to darkness preceding a thunder storm.

The only extra base hit of the game was a double by Mark Jenks, leadoff man for the Senators in the first inning. Kevin St. John and John Lynch were the only Panthers able to garner base hits.

Batteries: Panthers: L. Horniak, P. J. Knight, c. Senators: J. Nolin, p. W. Bruneau and K. Garvey, c. Line scores: Panthers 3-2-3. Senators 1-4-3.



Minor League players, pictured above left to right are, Allen Morse, pitcher, Bombers; David Trekey, first base, Corvairs; and Bill Wysocki, right field, Bombers.

Bombers Win First Round

Pictured above are the Buxton Bombers who won the first round while playing a make-up game with the Panthers Friday Night. In the picture are: Front row, Jim Fenton, Shawn Sullivan, winning pitcher Don Wheeler, and Tom Fenton. Middle row, Mike Stanfield, Ricky Simonds, Tom DePalo, Steve Richter, and Kevin Lancaster. Back row, Bill Pfau, Dave Michalak, Keith Lynds, Bill Andrews. Jack Simonds is manager and Bill Pfau is coach of the team.

In Friday's make-up game, Don Wheeler maintained his average of 13 strike-outs per game while leading the Bombers to the First round championship. Timely hits by Tom Fenton, Don Wheeler, Dave Michalak, and the all around good play by the team contributed to the win. Defensively young Jim Knight must be given credit for his alert action behind the plate preventing more Bomber runs, while Lennie Horniak played heads-up ball at second base for the Panthers. Bob Bouley pitched well in relief of Bob Ramah in the 6th inning.

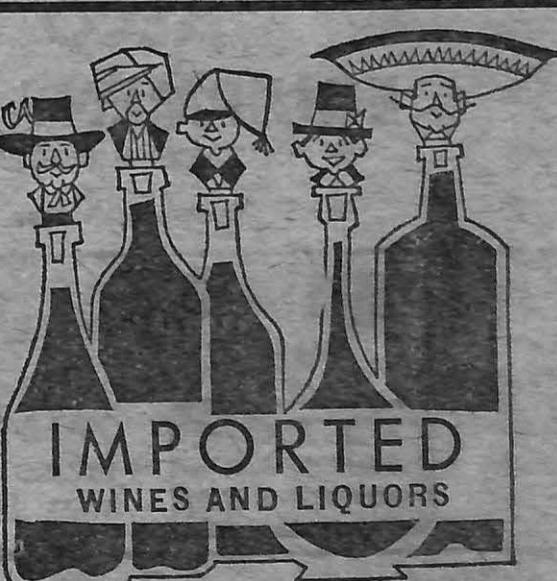
Line Score: Bombers: 7-5-0. Panthers: 0-2-1.

Batteries: Bombers: D. Wheeler, p. and S. Sullivan, c. Panthers: Bud Ramah, B. Bouley, p. and J. Knight, c.

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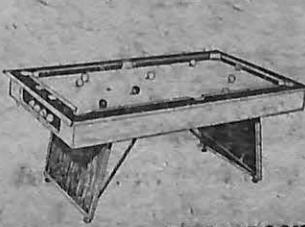
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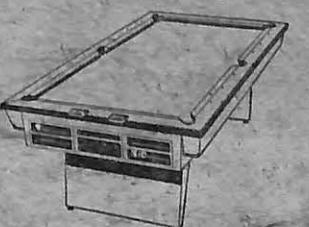
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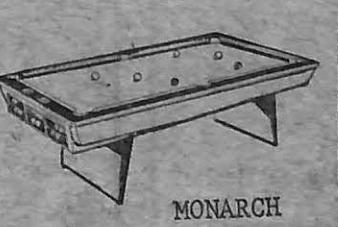
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Paul Heywood, pitcher, is congratulated by teammate Mark Filiault, left while happy teammates look on. Back, Chuck Souliere, and on right, Calvin Fredette, and Pat Riley.

Jim Reynolds Baseball League Standings

In Monday night's game between the Crusaders and the Cardinals, two hits each by Rocky Beane, Bob Leopardi, Bruce Cohen, and Chip Shearer, plus a triple by Andy Ouimet which drove in three runs, put the game on ice for the league-leading Crusaders, while a diving catch by right fielder Brian Nichols robbed Alan Wein of extra base hit and the on-target throw doubled Wayne Merek up at first base. Wein and Merek had the only hits for the last place Cards.

Batteries: Crusaders: B. Leopardi p. and P. Vella, c. Cardinals: K. Keeley, p. and S. Meister. Line scores: Crusaders: 11-13-3 Cardinals: 2-2-4.

Tuesday night Gary Safford, 13 year old, in the best pitching performance of the season by a rookie, pitched seven innings with his team behind 3-2 and in the 7th a walk, a sacrifice by Dan Williams, and a single by Steve Nooney drove in the tying run after which the game was called because of darkness. Bill Morin on the mound for the Legion really made this game a pitcher's duel. It will be continued when the schedules of both teams permits.

Wednesday night's scheduled game between the Thunderbirds and the Cardinals found that neither team was able to muster the required number of players for a game.

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Minor Bombers beat the Minor Panthers 29-3 behind the good pitching arm of Alan Morse who gave up only three hits and garnered three hits at bat to help his own cause. Stan Choiniere also had three hits, while Mike Newell, Keith Zulon had two hits each, and all Bombers playing well.

The Minor Senators beat the Minor Bombers on a beautiful one-hitter by Paul Heywood who pitched his team into a tie for first place in the second round. The Senators had 10 hits for 9 runs while the Bombers had one hit for one run. Tony Muratore hit well for the Bombers but was unable to get one by the great de-

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Door prizes were won by Jessie Tompkins, Mary Whitaker, Mildred Hamel and Howard Thayer. Mystery prize winners were Mrs. Hyland, Mildred Cole and Mrs. Cadorette.

High score prizes were awarded to Ladies: 1st, Edna Landers, 2nd Gertrude Vaughn, 3rd Maude McMahon, 4th Selina Beauchane; Men: 1st, Albert Tryon, 2nd Louis Franchere, 3rd Ralph Stetson, 4th Eugene Knightly.

The next card party will be held same day . . . time . . . place.



A CASE FOR CANE

To many sport fishermen, the thought of a cane pole is akin to the feeling of an opera fan when subjected to a session of "rock and roll" music.

However, when considered in terms of popularity, the cane pole probably draws as many admirers in the fishing world as the rock-and-roll crowd does among music lovers.

The cane pole deserves a better reputation than it generally receives, claim the fishing experts at Mercury outboards. Besides being the best angling tool for toddlers, this unadorned chunk of Calcutta can produce fish under the most difficult situations when wielded with a knowing hand.

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The cane pole can plop a plug or dangle a fly with unmatched accuracy. If a toss goes slightly astray it can be yanked back without touching the water and the error erased. Retrieves can be zigzagged over a wide area with a tantalizing flourish. Dapping the surface with the lure is another cane pole technique nearly impossible to duplicate with other tackle.

Cane pole fishing is far more than just bobbers and worms, remind the Mercury folks, so give it another look, or perhaps even give it a try. You might start catching fish in those difficult places you formerly had to pass up, and that alone makes a good "case" for "cane."

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The first of the Thursday morning shows (performance times at 10 o'clock), will start June 29 with the production, "The Adventures of Robinson Crusoe."

Other Thursday morning shows to follow include such famous fairytales as: "Cinderella," "The Magie of Oz," "The Thief of Bagdad," "Alice, Through the Looking Glass," "The Littlest Clown" "Rumplestiltskin," and "Sleeping Beauty."

Judy Abrams organized the Pixie Judy Troupe two years ago when she staged "Cinderella" and "Robinson Crusoe" off-Broadway at the Jan Rus Playhouse. Both productions ran successfully for many, many months.

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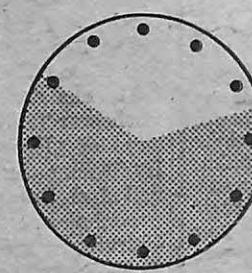
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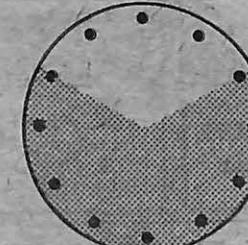
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LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT NEWS

by Gladys R. Catchespaugh

PICNIC MEETING

In spite of the weather, a most enjoyable IN-DOORS picnic meeting of Wilson - Thompson Unit #185 of the American Legion Auxiliary was held at the Legion Home Monday evening, June 19th. Some members who have not been able to make the meetings this year managed to attend. Others who planned to come were prevented by illness—or the weather. It was scarcely "picnic weather."

The following letter, planned to be read at that meeting, arrived on Tuesday:

Massachusetts Girl State.

Dear Mrs. Catchespaugh:

I want to thank your organization so much for making it possible to come here to Girls State. Already it has been a wonderful experience.

I think that the most exciting thing was that I met a girl who I knew from camp last year. I never knew that she was coming, and was she surprised to see me!!

I was placed in the city of Friendship and everyone is really friendly. Today we made up our city song and had a great time doing it.

My room mate and I are here diligently writing letters. My roomie is from North Adams! She seems very nice.

Well it's time for supper. Can't miss that!

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Holly Kistner.

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COLLEGE NEWS

JOHN MICHALEK RECEIVES LETTER

ITHACA, N. Y. — John Michalak of Agawam, Mass., has been selected by William Ware, Ithaca College varsity lacrosse coach, to receive a letter.

The Bombers, in their first season of varsity competition since 1951, chalked up victories over Rochester Tech twice, the University of Rochester twice, and Hartwick once. They lost to Bucknell and Brockport.

Michalak, who lives at 110 Fairview St., Agawam, is enrolled in the School of Health and Physical Education at Ithaca College.

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assigned to Perrin AFB, Tex., for training and duty as a U. S. Air Force accounting and finance specialist.

The airman recently completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. He becomes a member of the Air Defense Command.

Airman Bonomi, a 1961 graduate of Agawam High School, received his B.B.A. degree in 1966 from the University of Massachusetts.

AS4 Mario Pioggia With Vietnam Unit

DUC PHO, Vietnam (AHTNC) — Army Specialist Four Mario A. Pioggia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mario Pioggia, Amhurst St., Feeding Hills, is participating in "Operation Malheur II" near Duc Pho, Vietnam, with his unit from the 101st Airborne Division's 1st Brigade.

Spec. Pioggia, a supply specialist in the 1st Battalion of the brigade's 327th Infantry, and other members of his unit have accounted for 379 enemy killed in the first four weeks of fighting in the heavily-infested North Vietnamese and Viet Cong territory.

The 20-year-old soldier entered the Army in July 1965 and completed basic training at Fort Dix, N. J. He was graduated from Agawam High School in 1964. His wife, Carolyn, lives at 79 N. Alhambra Circle, Agawam.

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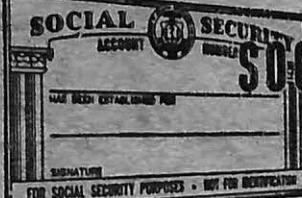
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